

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3641
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COCO AND JUBILEE PETROL PUMPS OF OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government are aware that the oil companies are running so many COCO and Jubilee petrol pumps through maintenance and handling contractors;
- (b): if so, the number of such contractors of IOCL and IBPL running outlets with their own working capital, name-wise and State-wise;
- (c): whether the remuneration paid to such COCO contractors is different in each oil company;
- (d): if so, the slabs of the remuneration being paid by each of the oil company;
- (e): whether the different oil PSUs are free to pay different slab of remuneration; and
- (f): the time by which this discrimination is likely to be removed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a): COCO retail outlets and Jubilee Retail Outlets are operated by an officer of the concerned Oil Company as over-all in charge of the outlet. Labour assistance is provided to the officer through a contractor. The COCO retail outlets are operated in this manner till a regular dealer is selected and appointed.
- (b): The labour contractors of COCO retail outlets and Jubilee Retail Outlets are not required to make any investment towards working capital.
- (c) to (f): As per the existing policy, the labour contractors are paid a lumpsum amount depending on the location and number of people deployed/ to be deployed, which, inter alia, takes into account the contractor's remuneration, payment to labourers as per the Minimum Wages Act, etc.